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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

ALICIA UHOUSE, an individual; CRYSTAL G.  
ZAVALA, an individual; JAMES A. SLUSSER, an  
individual; DAVID M. and MARY A. HAIL;  
individually and/or as husband and wife; and  
ERNIE E. DUARTE, an individual, on behalf of  
themselves and all those similarly situated,

Case No. 3:08-cv-0285-LDG-RAM

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; DIRK  
KEMPTHORNE, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of Interior, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR GOOD FAITH  
SETTLEMENT DETERMINATION AND DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS**

Based on Motion made by Greater Nevada Builders and Steven F. Campoy,  
individually and dba Steven F. Campoy General Contractors, (collectively "GNB"), by  
and through their attorneys, Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low, upon the papers and  
pleadings on file in this matter, and the hearing held thereon, the Court now enters its  
findings of facts, conclusions of law and judgment as follows:

1. This case arises from a breach of the Truckee Canal in Lyon County,  
Nevada on January 5, 2008.
2. Numerous Complaints for Damages and numerous claims were filed in

1 State and Federal Courts against various parties, including GNB in the various cases  
2 related to the Fernley flood of January 5, 2008. The parties to this action are set  
3 forth in the caption and have been identified in the pleadings on file in the above-  
4 captioned matter.

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6 3. Plaintiffs and various parties claim that they suffered damages  
7 resulting from the flood waters that came from the breach of the Truckee Canal on  
8 January 5, 2008.

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10 4. Plaintiffs and various parties allege that the January 5, 2008 flood in  
11 Fernley was due to the inadequate maintenance and operation of the Canal, among  
12 other reasons. They further assert that the flood consequences were "exacerbated"  
13 by the City of Fernley and the County of Lyon because of "intentional indifference" to  
14 requiring the contractors and builders of the residential subdivision to construct  
15 infrastructure that would minimize the damage caused by flooding in the event the  
16 flood waters entered the subdivision where Plaintiffs' homes were located.

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18 5. Plaintiffs also assert that the flood consequences were exacerbated by  
19 the "errors and omissions" in constructing various elements, including Rolling  
20 Meadows subdivision improvements, houses, Jenny's Lane crossing and the  
21 "Knuckle" at Wrangler Road and Wagon Wheel, committed by the Defendants, as  
22 well as allegations of misrepresentations made on the sale of Rolling Meadows  
23 properties.

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25 6. GNB has also sued numerous parties as identified in the moving  
26 papers, pleadings and caption.

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28 7. Various parties have sued GNB in this and/or other actions as

1 identified in the moving papers, pleadings, and caption on the theories of negligence,  
2 contribution and indemnity.

3       8. It is alleged that GNB was the developer and general contractor of  
4 Rolling Meadows, involved in the Jenny's Lane crossing and the "Knuckle" at  
5 Wrangler Road and Wagon Wheel and that GNB was at least partially responsible for  
6 alleged defects in the Rolling Meadows subdivision. It is also alleged that  
7 misrepresentations were made when the Rolling Meadows properties were sold.  
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9       9. GNB claims it never had any active role as the developer or general  
10 contractor of Rolling Meadows or the other improvements and instead was simply the  
11 home builder. It is agreed that GNB built the houses in the development. However,  
12 Plaintiffs and other parties allege, despite GNB's position, that GNB did more. There  
13 is a dispute as to whether GNB has any liability for Plaintiffs' damages.  
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15       10. An amicable global settlement of this matter has been reached among  
16 the Plaintiffs and most parties to this case.  
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18       11. The Settlement Agreement essentially provides that GNB shall  
19 collectively pay the sum of \$375,000.00 in exchange for a complete release from the  
20 instant action and all pending actions as listed in GNB's Motion For Good Faith  
21 Settlement Determination.  
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23       12. Neither Greater Nevada Builders nor Steven Campoy had insurance  
24 that would provide coverage for any of the pending actions.

25       13. GNB has significantly lessened its business activities and thus has no  
26 regular source of income from which to make any future payments. Without a source  
27 of income, GNB's defense of these pending actions dissipates the limited pool of  
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1 funds available for settlement of these lawsuits.

2 14. The amount paid by GNB will be allocated to the Rondy class pursuant  
3 to calculations to which GNB was not in privy, but the sum paid is in consideration  
4 for the global settlement of all claims.  
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6 15. GNB actions were those of a house builder and as such were more  
7 passive than most other Defendants, thus undermining any claims for indemnity.

8 16. There is no evidence or allegation that this settlement is fraudulently,  
9 collusively or tortiously aimed at injuring non-settling Defendants.  
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11 17. The Court grants approval for the Global Settlement Agreement.

12 18. The Court finds that the settlement agreement is made in good faith.

13 19. The matter is dismissed with prejudice as to all claims against Greater  
14 Nevada Builders, Inc. and Steven F. Campoy, individually and dba Steven F. Campoy  
15 General Contracting, each party to pay their own costs and fees.  
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17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 DATED: August 4, 2011.

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21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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